

Family

Longtime residents celebrating 50 years

Richard and Elsie Cox of Colby will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary from 6-11 p.m. on Saturday, April 13, at the Colby American Legion with a reception and dance. All friends and relatives are invited. They request no gifts.

Hosts for the occasion will be their children and their spouses: Eddie and Denise Cox, Bob and Jeanette Cox, Connie and Marvin Skagerberg, Don and Marlene Cox, Karen Matzen, Rich and Kristie Cox, Ken and Rhonda Cox, and Jackie and Dan Hovda, and their 21 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. All will be here except for one grandchild.

Richard Cox and the former Elsie Bloom were married April 10, 1952, at Raton, N.M.

Cox came to Colby in 1946, after he came home from World War II.

"I caught a ride into Colby in 1946, and got here with \$20," he said. "My brother Thurman lived here, and I came to visit. I got here one day and went to the work the next."



Richard and Elsie Cox

He started Cox Produce in 1948, which bought and sold milk, cream, and eggs from local farmers, in a time when rural people could be self-sufficient, grow their own food, and sell the surplus.

"At the produce store on one day, I took in 1,200 gallons of cream, 50

cases of eggs, each containing 30 dozen eggs, from 120 farmers out in Thomas County. You wouldn't find that much produce in the whole state of Kansas, now," he said.

That would have been an average day in the heyday of the business. However the decline in the number of small farms, and the advent of custom farming with fewer farm animals, eventually caused the business to be closed.

Cox ran the produce store for 20 years. After that he worked as a sales manager for Ace Services before retiring 15 years ago. His wife, Elsie, was city treasurer for 18 years. She retired at same time as he did and is a homemaker.

Cox spent four years in the Navy. He said he had two brothers when went through the war like he did, and three sons, two of whom were in Vietnam, and one in Desert Storm. All are alive today.

"The luckiest man in Kansas is me," Cox said.

Easter egg hunt attracts 65 kids

On March 30, the Rexford Lions sponsored the annual Easter egg hunt in the park with approximately 65 children, infants through the third grade. They rushed into the area to find the 46 dozen filled Easter eggs. It was such a beautiful afternoon that the children stayed to play in the park on the playground equipment while the parents visited. Several Junior High and High School students helped the Lions hide the eggs and were leaders for the four age groups.

A large crowd attended the Easter services at the Rexford Community Church Sunday morning. Several braved the chilly weather to attend the sunrise service in the Todd's pasture with a breakfast following in the Church basement. The story of Easter, *What it Means to You*, was presented with readings and song with a special song by Jolene Hansen.

Rex and Betty Carswell returned home last Sunday evening from a weeks trip to Missouri and eastern Kansas. They accompanied their daughter and husband, Terry and Steve Salter to Branson, Mo. and visited their granddaughter Jaimee and husband Jason Barta in Topeka.

Several RVICS (Retired Volunteers in Christ's Service) members arrived



Lula Thieler

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will be here a few weeks helping with the Shepherd's Staff programs.

Gary and Kay Cheney held an Easter dinner in their new home Sunday. Those present were Grace Cheney, Matt, Lyn and Amanda Cheney, Duane Cheney of Colby, Kathy Hertel and Fanny Peacock from Bird City.

Guests of Vesta Roth for Easter was her son, Rick, and grandchildren, Jason and Eric from Smith Center.

I accompanied Eddie and JoAnn Miller of Colby to the Robert and Carol and Tilyn Bell home in McDonald for Easter Sunday. Other guests were Mark and Kelly Miller, Tyson, Abby and Trey of Colby, and Ron and Cherry Bell of McDonald.

Deb Stepper hosted the Social Hour Club at the Barn Wednesday afternoon with seven members present and Liz Rall as a guest. Marge Leh received a birthday gift from her mystery pal. Lula Thieler received the hostess gift. Cake, ice cream and coffee were served for refreshments. Eileen Dible will be

the hostess on April 17 in Colby.

Lee Albers and Brady Dible have been chosen by the American Legion to attend Boys State in Manhattan on June 2-8. Michele Goscha and Danielle Hickert have been chosen to attend the Sunflower Girls State in Lawrence June 2-7.

Some things to remember: Pioneer Day on May 5 beginning with a carry-in dinner at noon. The program following will be a discussion on country schools. Come and share your memories. That evening the Baccalaureate Services for the seniors of Golden Plains will be held at the Church at 7 p.m.

On Monday, May 6 a celebration called Cinco De Mayo will be held in the Rexford City Park. There will be music, dances by a Mexican group, a meal and other activities so be sure to attend.

Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day			
	Hi-Plains	Co-op	
Wheat			\$2.70
Corn			\$1.87
Milo			\$2.96
Soybeans			\$4.01

Club News

Rotary

President Brian Staats presided on Tuesday April 2. Larry Berg brought guest Les Loker. He is the mayor of McDonald and works for Midwest Energy. Carolyn Armstrong invited prospective member Cindy Cersovsky.

Secretary Mark Winger reported that the club's attendance was averaged at 62 percent for the month of March. The Rotary Board has approved Scott Gawith to become the new secretary starting on the first of July.

Nancy LePell gave the treasurer's report. Brian passed the district governor's news letter around for the club to read. He then announced that the board would be meeting at his office at 5:45 p.m.

Brian Staats introduced Darryl Henry and Paul Steele. Their program was a Rotary Trivia Game. The club

split into three teams. Then with the comic relief of Darryl Henry and the seriousness of Paul Steele, they began drilling the teams. The questions asked

were to make members aware of the club's history and current activities. Members had an enjoyable time for lunch, and learned about the club.

Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

Genesis Thomas County pickup, 350 S. Range, 10 a.m.-noon & 1-4 p.m.

Toddlers, Pioneer Memorial Library, 10:15 and 11 a.m.

TeleFriend Information meeting, 5:30 p.m. (call 462-6996)

Gem Lions, Gem Community Building, 7 p.m. (2nd & 4th Wednesdays)

Brewster Lions, Hunter Hall, 7 p.m.

The Herd, Junior High Youth Group, Armory, 7-8:30 p.m.

Pinochle, American Legion, 7:30 p.m.

Sixth Street Alcoholics Anonymous & AA Anon, 1275 West 6th, 8:30 p.m.

Flowers blooming are sign of spring

We hope that everyone had a joyous and blessed Easter. The weather sure did cooperate. Now we are getting another blast of winter. Flowers are beginning to bloom.

Evelyn Langdon enjoyed the Easter weekend in Goodland with her daughter, Joyce Boehme and family. She came for Evelyn Saturday afternoon.

Derek Moreland, Goodland, was a houseguest of bob and Virginia Arnberger Friday to Monday. Joining them for Sunday dinner was Virginia's niece, Sherri Van Horn and Alexia of Atwood. After returning Derek home on Monday, the Arnbergers stopped in Sharon Springs and visited Harry Keister and Charles Chaney.

Harley and Phyllis Hershberger and Raymond Majors were in Lakin on Saturday afternoon. They attended a birthday party for Harley Hillery, celebrating his 50th.

Hospital

CITIZENS MEDICAL CENTER Friday, April 5, 2002 Admissions

Curtis Bear, Brewster
Lisa Bradley and infant male, Colby
John Lee, Colby
Shannon Myers and infant male, Colby

Lorna Nichols, Colby
Donna Quador, Levant

Dismissals
Velma Barnett, Gem
Thomas McCurdy, Colby
Lucille Olson, Colby

Alicia Siruta and infant male, Colby Saturday, April 6, 2002 No admissions Dismissals

Lisa Bradley and infant male, Colby
Kirwin Jones, Colby
Shannon Myers and infant male, Colby

Dismissals
Kathryn Owens, Edson
Sunday, April 7, 2002
No admissions
Dismissals

Kenya Baalman, Colby
Curtis Bear, Brewster



Rosalie Bussen

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Kent and Cindy Gfeller and children, and Dennis and Jana Gfeller and children. On Sunday, Monte and Helen Stramel and the Hansen family were dinner guests of Dave and Judy.

Kent and Cindy Gfeller and children had Eastern Sunday with Tom and Nancy Schertz and Kandy and families.

Dennis and Jana Gfeller and children had Eastern Sunday with John and Marsha Johnson and families in Sharon Springs.

Deaths

Ron Couch

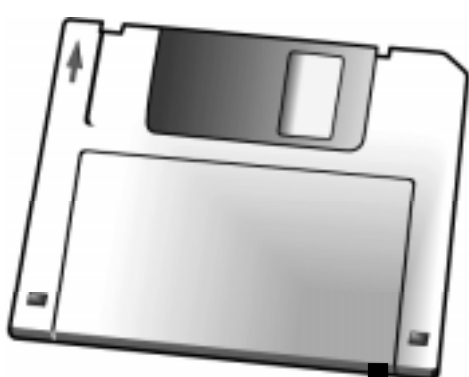
TEMPE, Ariz. — Ron Couch, former Colby resident, died Monday, April 1, 2002, in Tucson, Ariz.

Funeral services were Thursday at East Valley Bible Church in Gilbert, Ariz. Graveside services followed at Green Acres Cemetery in Scottsdale, Ariz.

Survivors include his wife Marsha (formerly Miller) and sons J.R. and Aaron, all of Tempe, mother Helen Barcus of Santa Barbara, Calif.; sister Louann Zimmerman of Sterling; and aunt Gwen Young of Colby.

Throughout his fight with cancer he never strayed from his faith and always believed that everything happened for a reason. Mr. Couch's greatest joy was the love of his family while being a successful Farmer's Insurance agent.

Memorials may be directed to the American Cancer Society.



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